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LETTER DATED 31 JULY 1995 FROM THE CHARGE D'AFFAIRES A.I. OF THE PERMANENT MISSION OF YUGOSLAVIA TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

I have the honour to transmit herewith a statement by the Federal Government of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia dated 30 July 1995.

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter and its annex circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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Annex

At its extraordinary meeting of today, chaired by Prime Minister Radoje Kontic, the Federal Government expressed its deep concern at the accelerated escalation of tension and war activities in the former Yugoslav Republic of Bosnia-Herzegovina.

The Federal Government strongly condemns the aggressive behaviour of Croatia, whose regular armed forces have for a long time been active in former Bosnia-Herzegovina, which represents a direct violation of relevant resolutions of the United Nations Security Council. This dangerously instigates the war option and seriously threatens the efforts of the international community to put an end to the crisis and achieve a peaceful solution. It is therefore necessary for the international community to ensure an urgent and unconditional withdrawal of the Croatian armed forces from the former Republic of Bosnia-Herzegovina.

Convinced that the Bosnian crisis can be solved only by political means and not by the continuation of war and by new confrontations, the Federal Government expects and requests the international community to take an objective and balanced position towards the crisis and to treat all parties in the civil war equally.

Consistent in its option for peace and a just political solution, the Federal Government considers that the present dangerous escalation of military activities must be countered by an energetic international political action to stop the negative development and revive the peace process. To that end, it is necessary to establish an instantaneous and unconditional moratorium on all military activities in the entire territory of former Bosnia-Herzegovina, as a prelude to achieving a general agreement on ceasing military hostilities.

The Federal Government expects from all responsible factors of the international community to contribute to the overcoming of the present tension and to the return to negotiations as the only way out of the crisis.